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SUBJECT: NIGERIA: VICE PRESIDENT ABUBAKAR TO VISIT
WASHINGTON MARCH 31-APRIL 6

[1](#)1. This cable contains an action request, para 4.

[1](#)2. In a meeting March 19, Vice President Atiku Abubakar informed Ambassador Jeter that he would be in Washington for personal and medical reasons from March 31 through April 6 and would be interested in meeting with senior U.S. policymakers. The Vice President would be available for meetings April 4 and 5.

[1](#)3. If windows exist for meetings, Post recommends that Vice President Abubakar meet with both Secretary Powell and Secretary O'Neill to discuss Nigeria's domestic economic and

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political situation. Two issues of particular relevance would be prospects for economic reform in the aftermath of the IMF's withdrawal from a formal program in Nigeria and the political situation in the pre-election period.

[1](#)4. Please advise on the possibility of such meetings. Post appreciates the Department's assistance.

Jeter